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Athletes awarded at banquet

Rose Dimarco of Welland was named freshman Athlete of the Year for women.
(Photo by Deb Atkins)

Tom Peat of St. Catharines and Mark Nelson of Niagara Falls were co-winners of this year's award for male Athlete of the Year. The first-year students won the Ontario men's doubles championship in badminton at the college championships.
(Photo by Deb Atkins)

Students protest English 200 fee

About 30 students sent a petition last Thursday to Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of education and student services, protesting against paying for an English course they feel should be included in their tuition fees.

A rally was held by the students in the Hamilton Room because they wanted to do something about the problem and send the petition to Dr. McCardell.

Argo Pace, 19, a first-year law and security student who organized the rally, said the students, all first-year are "being forced to pay $42 to take an English 200 course at night school."

Wayne Dilts, 19, a first-year law and security student, said they "shouldn't have to pay" because the college told the students earlier there would be no charge for the English 200 night school course.

Mr. Pace said he hopes the petition will change the college's decision about making the students pay for the course.

While the rally was just finishing it was interrupted by the movie Outland, part of the college double-lunch hour program. The rally moved out to the hall to finish signing the petition. Mr. Pace and Mr. Dilts said they would take it at once to Dr. McCardell.

The students have to take the English 200 course to be eligible for second year.

At press time Dr. McCardell had not yet received the petition but said she was looking forward to talking with the students.

"I am quite prepared to meet with them and look forward to the opportunity to discuss the issue," she said.

Jackie extends best to graduate students

Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts extends her congratulations and her best wishes to this year's graduating students.

Convocation ceremonies will be held on June 8 and 9 at Centennial Secondary School in Welland. The School of Applied Arts convocation will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 8; the Schools of Health Sciences and Technology at 11 a.m. June 9; and the School of Business at 2:30 p.m. on June 9.

Because some students may not be able to attend Convocation, Miss Robarts said she wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have successfully completed their programs and wish them the very best of happiness and success in their futures.

All graduating students must pay the $10 graduation fee before the convocation, the registrar's office said. Graduates should be at Centennial Secondary School one hour before the ceremonies begin.

Site set for SAC social

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) barbecue will be held between the Black Walnut and Tecumseh buildings from noon until 2 p.m. tomorrow Charlie Porcelli, SAC president-elect, said.

Activities will include baseball, tug-of-war and horseshoe-throwing contests in which trophies will be awarded to members of the winning teams.

Rockway, a local new wave-rock band, will play top 40s chart music in the cafeteria.

Has no work, starts business

Whatever fears unemployment statistics might cause to this year's students, one former student who graduated six years ago, has found a way to beat unemployment blues — he created his own business.

Since 1979, Allan Hooper has owned and operated Niagara Industrial Instruments, a company specializing in the repair and maintenance of electronic and pneumatic instruments.

Mr. Hooper, who graduated in electronic technology, began his own company when he recognized the need for this business in the Niagara peninsula.

Niagara College has also recognized the need and has introduced Instrumental Technology at the school. Mr. Hooper's business in Niagara Falls, has repaired equipment for the college.

Niagara Industrial Instruments began as a small operation but has since expanded to a new, larger building employing seven people, one a Niagara graduate.

"To begin one's own business many things are required. A lot of knowledge and commitment are necessary, especially commitment" the 36-year-old Fort Erie resident said.

The company compares industrial equipment to their own and repairs any which have become inaccurate.

Mr. Hooper, who said he has found satisfaction in repairing the equipment, plans to retire in 15 years. Then, he says, he intends to travel.

Extra funding improves job outlook

By BRAD HUNTER
Staff Writer

Despite high unemployment in the St. Catharines-Niagara area, prospects for summer jobs appear good.

Two supervisors from the Canada Employment Centre for Students are optimistic about summer employment.

Loraine Rivet, supervisor of the Welland office, said the situation is not as bleak as it would seem, "We have extra government funding this year and if the students keep looking and checking with us they will likely find work."

Ray Gormley, supervisor of the St. Catharines office, said he expects a 10 per cent increase in job placement this summer.

Mrs. Rivet said the Welland Centre placed 1,420 students last year and the figure should be higher this year.

"Last year we placed 976 people in full-time jobs and 550 on short term work," Mr.Gormley said.

In Canada there are 1,561,000 unemployed with another 300,000 who have stopped looking for work altogether. In the St. Catharines-Niagara area the unemployment rate is 13.9 per cent, well above the national level. In terms of people that's 21,000 who are seeking work.

Students hired

Mrs. Rivet said in the past local companies such as Atlas Steel and Dofasco hired students during the summer. But with many full-time employees laid-off, the companies no longer need summer help.

A program begun by the federal government, Career Access, hopes to alleviate youth unemployment. Career Access is designed to place students in jobs related to their field of study.

The government pays 50 per cent of the students wages up to $3 per hour for between six and 18 weeks.

We have more jobs than ever before. "People (in business) know more about the centre and are calling us," Mrs. Rivet said. "This is the first year for Career Access so we're quite hopeful."

Mrs. Rivet said there is plenty of work on local farms. The Agricrew program, part of the Canada Farm Labor Pool, employed nearly 11,000 students last summer.

Mrs. Rivet said the earlier you apply the better the chances of getting a good paying job, "Students should have their resumes ready because time is of the essence."

If the students don't know how to do a resume there are booklets at the centre to show you how, Mrs. Rivet said.

"Students shouldn't rely solely upon us. They can't limit themselves. There are other programs that can provide work for them, the Ontario government for example."

In St. Catharines the Student Employment Centre is at 110 James St. and the phone number is 684-8377. The Welland office is at 26 Division St., and the phone number is 732-1315.

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Niagara College honored its outstanding athletes last week at a banquet and awards presentation. See Page 11

Tuition goes up

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ROSALYN WHITESIDE

DANNY PARSONS

KAREN BAXTER

STEPHEN McLEOD

VALERIE

Roving Reporter

Niagara News Roving Reporter visited Lloyd Rice Public School on Quaker Road in Welland and asked the Grade 1 students, "What does Easter mean to you and in what way do you celebrate the holiday?"

By SUE GRECO
SANDY LOCKHART
and RENE McKNIGHT
Staff Writers

KEVIN KRALIZ, 6: Jesus is in heaven, it's a nice place for people. The Easter bunny hides things so hard, me and my brother always look under the dining room table. When we can't find anything we look in the whole bedroom, then we go back to the dining room and guess what? Everything's hidden there, the Easter bunny must come back, what do you think?

KAREN BAXTER, 7: On Easter my mum takes pictures of me getting the eggs the bunny left. We have dinner too. I like Easter.

BRENDA GALAMBOS, 7: I wake up and I say to my mother "Happy Easter". Then we look for our Easter eggs. Sometimes we go to my grandma's for spaghetti and it's long and stringy. The strings are really long.

STEPHEN McLEOD, 6: After supper on Easter we look for eggs and have hunts for what the bunny left. We have lots of fun.

LISA TAGGELT, 7: We give him [Easter bunny] cookies. We bake eggs for him. My mum decorates eggs and puts them underneath the tree.

STEPHANIE BIGGAR, 6: We have a nice breakfast, waffles. Some people come over for dinner to celebrate and we find the Easter eggs. We wait for after dinner to find the stuff.

DANNY PARSONS, 6: I eat the candy in one minute. As soon as I see them I eat them. I jump on my dog and then he wants me to get off. I do that at Easter.

CHELSEA DUNK, 6: On Easter I go outside and play games with our friends and stay inside and my mother hides eggs with initials on them and then we give them to the person they belong to when we find them.

ROSALYN WHITESIDE, 6: I give things to the Easter bunny. We have this basket, we put some eggs in it and give them to the Easter bunny. Sometimes I pet my cat

AMY CHORNOHUS, 6: I go to my grandmother's, she has surprises for me and my cousin. We have egg hunts and who ever finds the most gets something else. That day Jesus died on the cross.

VALERIE: Valerie was not interviewed but eagerly stood in line and had her picture taken anyway. Consequently she is not fully identified in her picture.

Fashion contest for cash

A new competition is offering fashion arts students a chance at national recognition and prizes.

The competition, sponsored by the Canadian Association of Textile Colorists and Chemists will provide the students of six Ontario colleges the opportunity to design for a fashion contest. Winners will be announced in a display of the competing fashions at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton next February.

The contest is open to any fashion arts student attending Niagara, Sheridan, Fanshawe, George Brown or Seneca colleges, or Ryerson Institute, Marie Lynch, co-ordinator of fashion arts at Niagara, said. Contestants will be designing, beginning in September, using material supplied by the association. It is customary to design to the fabric, Ms. Lynch said.

Seventeen categories of competition are planned, although Niagara will probably only compete in nine. The designs must be submitted by December. The top three will be chosen in each category with prizes of $100 to $500 awarded.

Ms. Lynch said she expects senior students to compete but there are no restrictions on first-year students entering. All students from Niagara who enter will receive a certificate of presentation from the school.

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Good luck to the Grads and we hope to see
the rest of you again next year.
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Welland Vale ousts senate president

Newly-elected president Jack Horton is no longer president of the Student Senate at Welland Vale Campus. He has "flown the coop," Morris Bosey, staff adviser to the senate, said.

Chris Long, vice-president, automatically assumed Jack's position as president and will complete the unexpired term.

Jack was withdrawn as a Welland Vale student because of absenteeism, Welland Vale officials said.

The senate executive will nominate a new vice-president at the next meeting on Wednesday.

"The senate executive will do 30 things for the school's extra-curricular activities," Chris said. "They may be large or they may be small but still 30 things will be done."

He strongly supports student awareness and hopes to encourage participation and co-operation.

"I want the executive to work together as a team; we'll get things done better that way,"

Pub nights, roller skating parties, Blue Jay games, euchre tournaments, and Niagara College (Welland Vale) T-shirts are just a few of the 30 things the senate executive has already set in motion, Chris said.

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A second-year law and security student douses flames of a gasoline fire set by a member of the Welland County Fire department during a practical training exercise outside the Simcoe Building last week. (Photo by Joan Cavanagh)

20% achieve Honors re-examine deans' rolls

The Dean's Honour Roll is under review because a large percentage of students are receiving first class honors. Possible solutions were dicussed by students and administration at an academic assembly early this month.

Another subject discussed in the Board Room was Adult Trainings desire to be included on the Honour Roll.

John Parrett, registrar, representing Educational and Student Services, suggested keeping 80 per cent as honors but reserving the position on the Dean's Roll for the top five to 10 per cent.

To account for different marking schemes in each program, Eugene Maltais, politics teacher, recommended relating students' marks within their own program. The top five to 10 per cent in each program would make up the role.

Each school posts a Dean's Honour Roll for students who achieve 80 per cent or higher.

Twenty per cent of college students were named on last falls honour rolls.

Mr. Giancarlo asked the students at the meeting if they felt 20 per cent was too many people; all the students answered "No."

On the subject of including adult training students on the dean's role, George Blazetich, chairman of the academic studies division, said he has prepared a plan to recognize outstanding students in the adult education program, but it will not be a Dean's Honour Roll.

Evaluation methods vary among teachers in the adult training program. Dorothy Korchok, teacher of English and mathematics at Welland Vale, said "Something has to be done internally before we can bring it into the Dean's Honour Roll."

Tuition fees increase 5%

Tuition fees will increase five per cent for post-secondary full-time students in the '84-85 academic school year, John Parrett, registrar, said. The last time tuition fees increased was the '83-84 school year.

"The Ontario government issued a policy for the increase," Mr. Parrett said. "The total tuition fee will be $545 plus $50 for student activity and $5 for registration." The registration fees cover insurance and student cards.

Tuition for foreign students will be $4,535 plus $50 for student activity and $5 for registration.

Students put out fire as practical training

Second-year Law and Security students got a chance last week to practise a much needed skill — fire fighting.

Eight Law and Security students met behind the Simcoe building Monday morning to learn first-hand the practical approach to extinguishing small fires.

Bruce Milligan, program coordinator, said fire-fighting is necessary to the program since many industries use security people to battle fires.

Fire-fighting and fire prevention were added to the program because they are among the main aspects of industrial security.

The students were allowed the use of fire extinguishers and water hoses connected to a fire truck supplied by the Welland County Fire Department.

John Bouchard, director of fire prevention at the Welland County Fire Department, led the demonstration of fire extinguishing techniques and the operation of the apparatus on the fire truck.

Mr. Bouchard began by showing students the fire prevention methods and fire-fighting equipment throughout the school. Each student was given a chance to hook up and operate the water hose on the fire truck.

Each student was also able to use the different fire extinguishers on deliberately set gas fires, contained within small metal containers. Three types of extinguishers were used containing either a dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or water.

Spring brings dreams, romance and cleaning

By CAROL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air and people are beginning to do strange and wonderful things.

"Spring is a time for mating and dating in that order," Dave Watters, human relations student, said.

Yesterday a cardinal was whistling such a lovely tune, a man walking down the street whistled back. This is known as "spring fever," the most pleasant illness anyone can have.

The cooing of doves and the returning of geese are other signs of good weather on the horizon.

Activities

Brigitte Nadeau and Sylvie Bertrand plan to go home to Hawkesbury, Ont. on the Ottawa River near Montreal next month. Both girls are bilingual tourism students and have not been home in months.

Brigitte wants to water ski and Sylvie hopes to go sailing while visiting family and friends.

People who spent most winter days indoors are starting to come out of hibernation. All mankind seems to cheer up at this time of year and the winter blahs disappear.

"It's the start of baseball season," Mark Lewis, first-year journalism student, said. "I enjoy going to the games in Toronto."

The sports-minded are putting away ice skates and cross-country skis. Tennis rackets and Frisbees are appearing everywhere.

Bicycles are making the scene around town and bike racks at schools are fast becoming occupied.

Revitalizes

Buds on the trees are maturing, as reminders of this year's winter becomes a fading memory.

"Spring is a time for relationships with new people," Denise Matthews, human relations student, said.

More than half the population are hosing down cars in driveways. Others are clearing out tool sheds in preparation for spring gardening, home renovations and clean up.

"Spring is a special time for me, I feel happy and alive," Lucille Morgan, first-year early childhood education student, said.

Flowers are slowly penetrating through the soil and the grass is becoming greener.

Spring also brings romance. Something fresh is in the air as the curtain of a new season rises, bringing with it strange and wonderful beginnings and challenging experiences.

The men who toil to keep us clean

By CAROL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

There is nothing more enjoyable than helping the teachers and talking to students in the opinion of all the custodians who work at Niagara College.

They are the men who work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week all year, to keep the college clean and a place to be proud of.

"I have worked here 10 years and enjoy the enviroment and the people," George Cottrell said.

Mr. Cottrell, 64, of St. Catharines, works in the Mackenzie and Black Walnut Buildings.

"I have five married children and my wife, Mae, and I like to travel," he said.

They celebrated 44 years of marriage last February with a second honeymoon in New York City.

Bruno Degazio, 61, of Welland has cared for the Simcoe Building for seven years.

NEW HOME

He plans to enjoy his new home during vacation time with his wife, Rita, and four chihuahuas, Poncho, Spotty, Chico and Cocoa.

"Every year I meet new students and enjoy talking to them," he said.

Mr. Degazio is a member of the Rose City Pigeon Club in Welland. Every year he takes at least 50 pigeons 500 miles north to race them with other club member's pigeons.

Ross Felker, 69, of St. Catharines has worked in the Merritt and Lundy Buildings for eight years.

Mr. Felker has three married children. "My wife, Mary and I are going to Alaska on July 23, a trip of a lifetime," he said.

Ralph Mancuso, 54, of Welland can be found working in the Voyageur Block. He has been married to his wife, Marie, for 24 years. They have a daughter, Connie, 20, and two sons, Jamie, 18 and Peter, 17.

Kerry Nicholls of Fonthill has worked at Hennepin Hall for three years and tickets the cars in the college parking lot.

Mr. Nicholls is married with one son, Christopher. "I enjoy talking to the students and getting to know them," he said.

During the summer months the five custodians fix furniture, light fixtures and do work they can't do at other times of the year.

Bash-April 25

Three bands have been confirmed to play at the Year End Bash being held at Uncle Sam's Resort Motor Hotel, 8860 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, April 25. The Bash will start at noon and end at 1 a.m. Name of the headlining act was not available at press time.

The three opening bands are: the reggae band, Messenjah; Perfect Affairs, a new-wave-rock band which will open for Huey Lewis and the News in Vancouver, and Brock University music contest winners, Nyle, a new wave band from St. Catharines.

Admission will be $5 per student. Beer and liquor will cost $1.50 each and there will be 10 cent chicken wings.

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EDITORIALS

For some, life hurts

It's hard to imagine but by the turn of the next century, there will be an estimated 6.2 billion people inhabiting this tiny planet called Earth.

While the sheer weight of those numbers seems almost unimaginable, the consequences of such growth can easily be envisaged.

With more than one half of the world's population already going hungry it's not hard to visualize the day when people will be killing each other just for a piece of bread or a hunk of rotten meat.

Except for the tiny ads asking for our help to feed a starving child or the occassional documentary showing an African child whose stomach is bloated from malnutrition, we live a sheltered life. Some of us seem untouched by the ravages that other people have to endure on a daily basis — people who would probably give their lives for the chance to eat our scraps, which we throw away with such ease.

Oh yes, we all live in troubled times. Unemployment, inflation, and interest rates are a constant worry. But how many of us ever seriously consider the plight of people who spend their days, and nights, in fly-infested mud huts, where diseases that are considered to be no more than a small illness here annually kill more than three quarters of their childeren.

Can we still say that this is the way they want to live!

Or is it just easier for us to turn our backs and pretend the whole situation doesn't exist. We've got our own problems to worry about anyway. Right.

Wrong! It's about time we got it in our heads that for every one of us who thinks he or she has a problem there is someome else who has a larger one. A problem that could be a life or death struggle.

Maybe with that in mind we will all have a brighter future to look forward to. And there will no longer be any need for those heart-wrenching documentaries...wouldn't it be nice!

Derek M. Lacey

Have you no pride?

Students of post-secondary schools are old enough to know how to pick up after themselves, yet here at Niagara College the refuse from lunches can be seen littering the floors and lounges.

It is a disgrace to know people of college age are too lazy or careless to pick up their own mess, and throw it away when a garbage receptacle is only a few feet away.

Children learn in their early years to pick up after themselves. They are taught to put their things away and put all garbage in the garbage pail where it belongs.

Have you, as mature, adult people forgotten all your early training? Have you no pride in your school? Come on, students, it's time to start acting like the mature people we are supposed to be.

PICK-UP and CLEAN-UP!

Holly Fugard

Letters to the Editor

Eric Robinson describes Honduras experience

Editor's Note:
This is the first letter that the Niagara News has received from Dr. Eric Robinson who, with his wife Anne, arrived in Honduras early this year. Dr. Robinson retired last year as director of the institute of labor and labor management studies at Niagara College.

Dear Editor:

I am writing a note, albeit a brief one, but covering two days.

One day, from my Tela, Honduras, Central America, house window, I can see an iguana. I'm almost certain that it *is* an iguana because it looks like the one on the cover of the book, The Night of the Iguana.

A big bird flies on to a nearby branch and shakes the branch on which is stretched the iguana. The only movement of the iguana is to shift its head, and then remain immobile. Its only defence is to be able to blend almost totally with its surroundings. It is harmless to other animals, except insects. This is good because Honduras is the "Malaria Capital of the World." Even our doctor has malaria; not us, so far.

The next day that I pick up my pen follows an evening meal in a Tela hotel. I ordered a "coco de agua." The cook prepares this delicious drink by lifting a 2½-foot machete and cutting the end of a coconut into four squares. Then she lifts the end off the coconut, and a kind of plug pops out like a champagne bottle. The liquid inside sprays out almost to the ceiling. Then she puts a straw in the opening, puts the coconut on a napkin, then on a tray on the counter, whereupon the waiter brings it to me. The coconut has been chilled in the hotel fridge. The contents are delicious. Anne ordered "flan de coco," which is translated, coconut pudding.

So much for "Life in Tela" at eating-out time.

Anne and I visit nine farming projects almost daily to dispense medicines (lots of parasites in the children's stomachs which cause swelling), talk over co-operative housing problems and even assist in the very heavy, hot work of constructing new houses.

They live in their thatched-roof and wooden slatted houses until their stone, clay and cement houses are completed. The farmers — whose income from their fruit or *vegetavles sales is* about $30 per year — are exhausted. Their wives walk several kilometres for wood and water in some places.

This is a very, very poor country — Honduras, but the people are almost *always* friendly, *always* want to shake hands, show us their children, talk to us. We are learning Spanish as fast as we can.

We are here for two years...six weeks have passed.

Best Wishes
Eric Robinson

Keeps in touch

Dear Editor:

Thanks for Niagara News which keeps me in touch with Niagara College since my retirement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congradulate Chitra Ramasethu on winning first place in the photography contest. She interviewed me on the occasion of my retirement and I was very impressed by her professional skill and ability. Not only has she proved her success with a camera but there is no doubt her excellent manner in conducting the interview promises her a very successful future.

Best Wishes.

John Skinner
64 Steele Street
Port Colborne, Ontario

Student gripes

Dear Editor:

I think we should find the people responsible for locating this college in Welland, tie them to signposts on the 406 and have them count cars.

If the purpose of a college is to convenience people interested in post-secondary education then it is quite ironic that this one is in Welland; it is an inconvenience to the entire student body save the few students originally from Welland or Port Colborne.

What does Welland have to offer students: a bus service that says goodnight at 6 p.m., the Seaway Mall and a graveyard within walking distance.

In short, this college epitomizes the problems that occur when the business of politics over rides the purpose of politics.

Thom Hounsell
2nd year RTV

Toddling into spring

Warm spring weather brought out the young children from the Early Childhood Education Centre in full force last week as students took their young charges for walks about campus. More and more, the youngsters will be seen as the weather continues to improve.

Health care certificates honor grads

Twenty graduates of the health care aide program received their certificates at Mount Carmel March 30.

The students started classes on Dec. 12 at Mount Carmel with clinical experience at Greater Niagara General Hospital.

The graduates are Jo Anne Alima, Rhonda McAster, Mary Jane Cameron, Barbara Crawford, Elizabeth Dewling, Shirley Forster, Deborah Fournier, Carolyn Furman, Sharon Gullion, Victoria Jennings, Geneva Kennedy, Marie Anne Levesque, Shari Little, Holly Ling, Jo-Anne McGuire, Sharon Olszewski, Judy Pigeon, Sandra Sernick, Carola Tarrant and Mary Szabo.

Carola Tarrant was the valedictorian.

Representatives of the hospital, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, Mount Carmel and Niagara College attended.

OOOPS

A photograph in the Roving Reporter in the last edition of the Niagara News (April 2, 1984) was mistakenly identified as being one of Chris Evans, 22, electrical engineering. The Niagara News apologizes for the error.

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For just $325, you can take the train to Canada. All of it! VIA Rail's Youth CANRAILPASS gives you 30 days of limitless travel to Kettle Rapids, Nonsuch, Togo and Bick; Stewiacke, Wetaskiwin, Sioux Lookout and Hectanooga — and anywhere else the train goes. If you're 12 to 22, this is your chance to discover Canada — a town at a time!

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Three soccer fields to be complete by '85

By 1985, Welland will have three of seven possible soccer fields ready for use. Tony Goss and Ed Fox, teachers in the school of business, Niagara College, have played, and will continue to play, a large part in accomplishing this.

The Welland Soccer Club, which has about 1,000 people playing for it, is responsible for the development of the Soccer Park at the corner of Rice and Quaker Roads.

CLUBHOUSE

Construction began in June, 1983, and by August, 1984, the clubhouse should be ready for use. The clubhouse is expected to be two storeys and about 80 by 30 feet. It will include an upstairs hall, change rooms, washrooms and meeting rooms downstairs.

Mr. Fox, former president of the soccer club and present treasurer, said they raised $140,000 through bingos organized by soccer club volunteers. They were able to purchase the property for $87,000.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

A government grant of $170,000 and the balance of their money has been used to develop three soccer fields and the clubhouse shell.

They are working on a second $80,000 government grant. This will be used to finish the inside of the clubhouse.

Mr. Goss, who has been with the club for six years, is grounds committee chairman responsible for the grant application. "He has done a great job," Mr. Fox said.

The soccer club owns 30 acres of property, and with seven fields and a clubhouse, it is studying an indoor soccer gymnasium.

Positive response

Officer warns children about drug dangers

By BRAD HUNTER
Staff Writer

Constable Jack Aubertin cares about kids. He doesn't want to see them addicted to drugs.

For the past two years the father of four has been with the Community Relations Safety Branch of the Niagara Regional Police. His job is to teach Grade 4 and 5 students the dangers of drug abuse.

"It's not a scare type of program, we just want to show the kids the harm it can do," Const. Aubertin said.

He said, the three drugs causing the most problem for young people are alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

Marijuana is still the most popular narcotic in the Niagara peninsula. However, cocaine is fast becoming a major problem, and LSD is experiencing a resurgence in popularity.

The presentation consists of a short movie about the dangers of drug abuse and is followed by a 20-minute discussion afterwards. During the discussion the police officers answer the youngsters' questions.

"If they ask about cocaine, I'll try and explain it to them," Const. Aubertin said.

The illicit drug industry has become so large it can be ranked alongside General Motors in terms of profitability. The use of narcotics has become more accepted by society, and this acceptance poses a problem for the police.

"Drug abuse by atheletes and movie stars shows the public and the kids drug abuse is not just confined to society's bottom rung," Const. Aubertin said. Young people are affected by status symbols.

"If kids saw Mr. T. promoting something, they would be more inclined to do it as well. I point out examples of people they admire who have died from excesses of drugs and alcohol. Elvis Presley is a good example."

Const. Aubertin said drug abuse is not decreasing and is still enough of a problem to cause concern.

"Kids are much more informed about drug abuse now than 10 years ago. They hear about it on television or in the press and sometimes from their parents."

The program begun two years ago by the Association of Police Chiefs has met with "very good reaction,"according to Const. Aubertin. "We received a very positive response from teachers,principals,parents,and most importantly,the students themselves."

The Grade 4 program is called "A Beginning", and the Grade 5 program,"Consider the Source." After the presentations the officers give out No Thanks buttons.

Const. Aubertin says the program stops the problem before it starts.

"The majority of kids start using drugs in Grade 7 and 8. They're harder to reach after that."

Const. Aubertin said later in high school the students will think twice before accepting a toke when a joint is passed.

"Curiosity can be a very dangerous thing," he said.

Hires student

A Niagara College graduate returned to Niagara College on March 23 to hire a student for the summer. Joe DiMeo returned to the college nine years after his graduation from business administration, majoring in financial management.

He is now assistant manager at the Royal Bank of Canada in Fort Erie which has a summer teller program. It is a program designed for high volume tourist areas and offers college or university students practical experience in the banking industry and income during the summer.

The bank gets the benefit of extra people in the bank. "We don't like long lineups either," Mr. DiMeo said.

GETS JOB

One Niagara College student, Joyce Simons, received the job and another student from Mack Centre received a part-time job. The full-time student works five days a week, 7½ hours a day.

To be eligible to apply for the job, the student had to be a Fort Erie resident returning to school the next year.

The Royal Bank wants to ease unemployment in Fort Erie, Mr. DiMeo said. Twenty-one students from Niagara College, Brock University and other colleges had interviews. Business students were preferred, but business was not a prerequisite.

"In talking to students I realized that they don't know a lot about the banking industry. They don't make use of the bank or realize the benefits of it," Mr. DiMeo said. "They could probably use a banking-oriented seminar."

Offering free clinics in dental health month

Spring is a time for cleaning your yard, basement, and at Niagara College your teeth.

This is especially true during April, dental health month. Free dental clinics will also take place during May and June.

Sandra Stewart, co-ordinator of the dental hygiene program said these sessions, supervised by one licensed dentist and two dental hygienists, may include X-rays, scaling and polishing and oral hygiene instruction.

During April only adult patients will be screened and treated. After April, anybody will be able to make an appointment for free dental work, Mrs. Stewart said.

Patients taking advantage of the free dental work will also be helping the students complete their Royal College of Dental Surgeons exam at the same time.

The exam, set up by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, is responsible for licensing dentists and dental hygienists.

Appointments can be made by contacting Mary Catherine Gauvreau at the Welland campus, telephone 758.

Concern over tourism

Canada is at least one year behind schedule in tourism promotion, Nancy Zurina, a 1984 graduate, told first-year tourism students .

Nancy, who is working as a travel agent at Caledonia Travel in Windsor, was reporting to the class March 23 on this year's Association of Canada Conference held in February at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

People overseas need to be better informed on what Canada is really like, and more scenic sights must be presented to other nations to attract more visitors to Canada, she said.

Only top students are eligible to attend the conference each year. After returning, a presentation is given to the new students on the knowledge learned at the conference.

"The tourism business would improve if other cultures knew what Canada had to offer," Jeannine Heureux. who attended the presentation, said. Jeannine is a first-year tourism student from Sudbury.

Three other first-year students who also attended the presentation — Karen Seeley, Jane Walker and Danielle Soum — have joined the Student Work Abroad Program under which they will work three months in London, England, this summer.

The SWAP program allows a student to live in a forgein country during the summer to gain experience related to their course of study.

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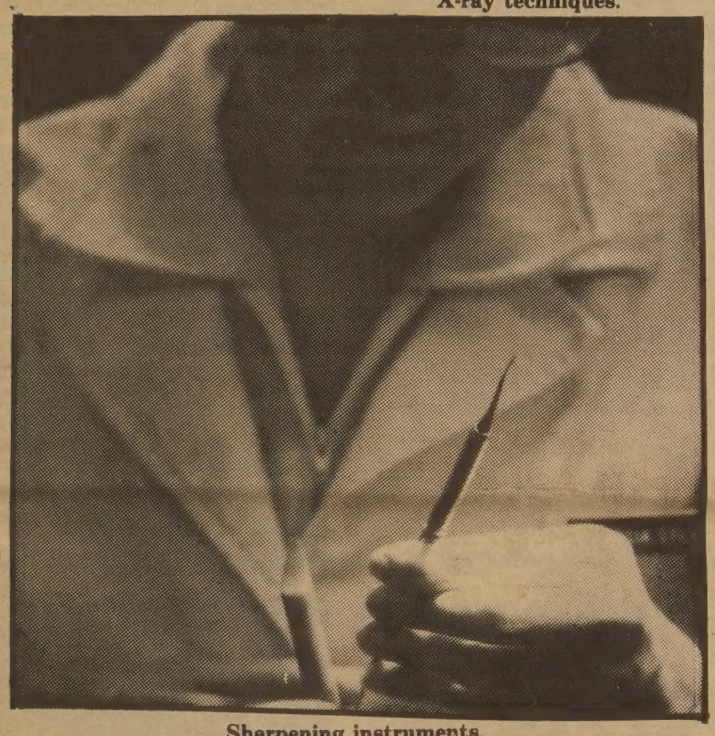

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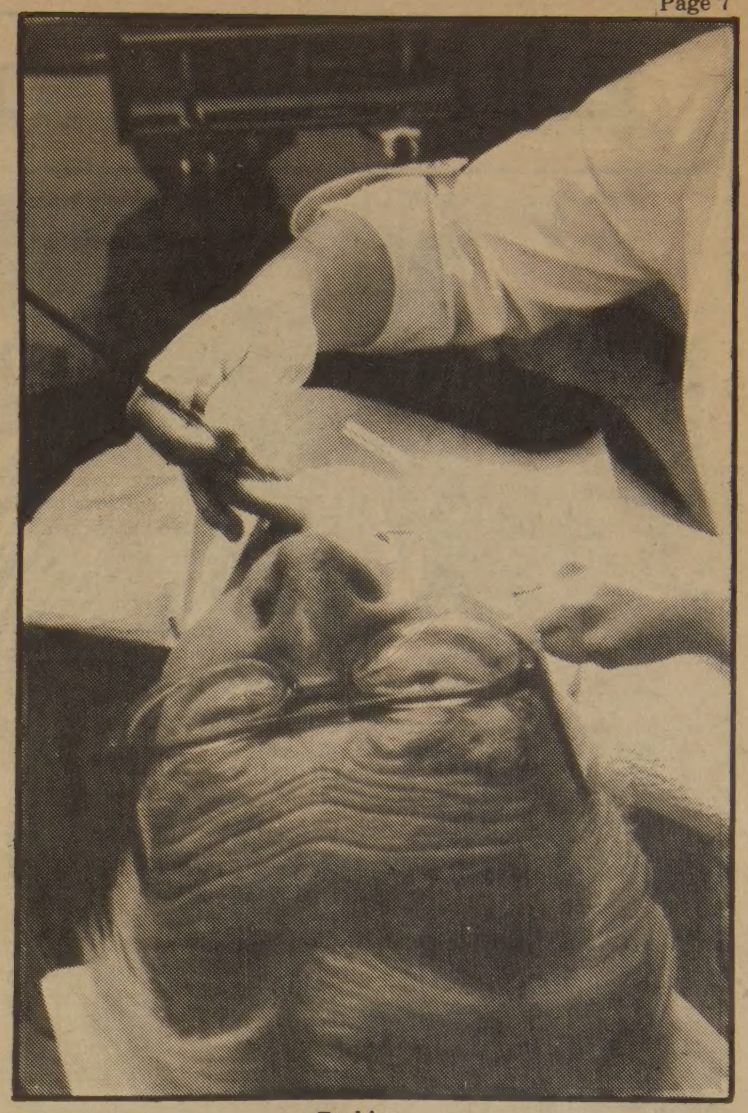

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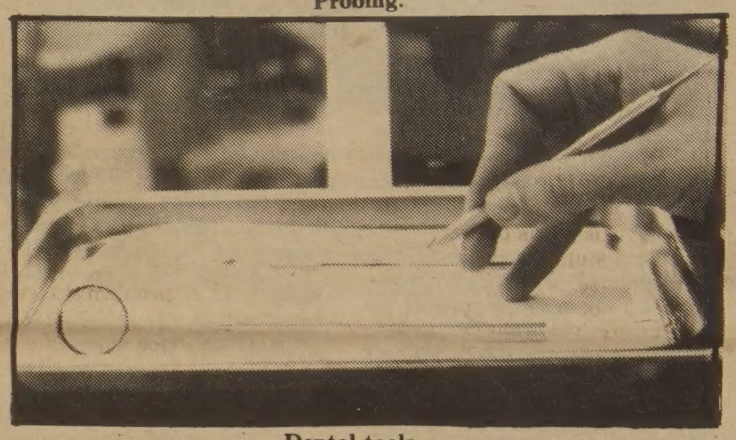

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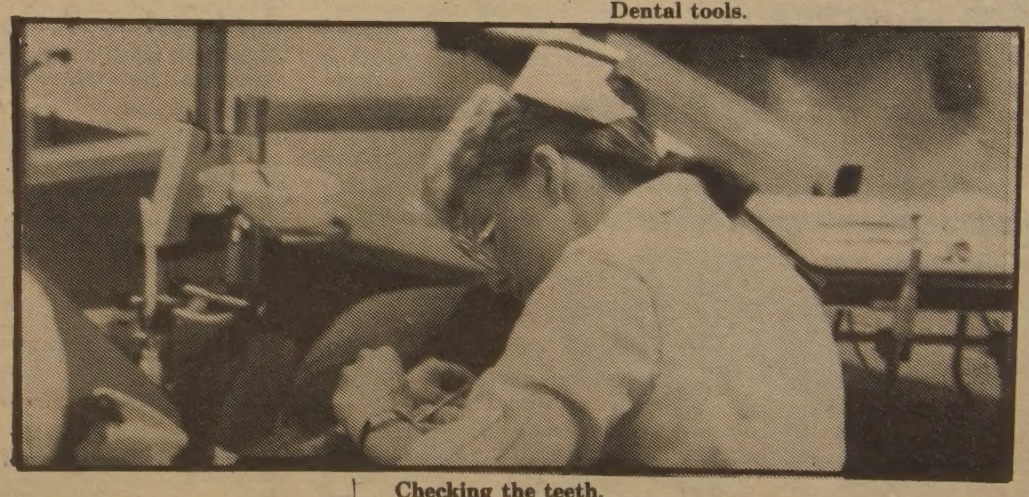

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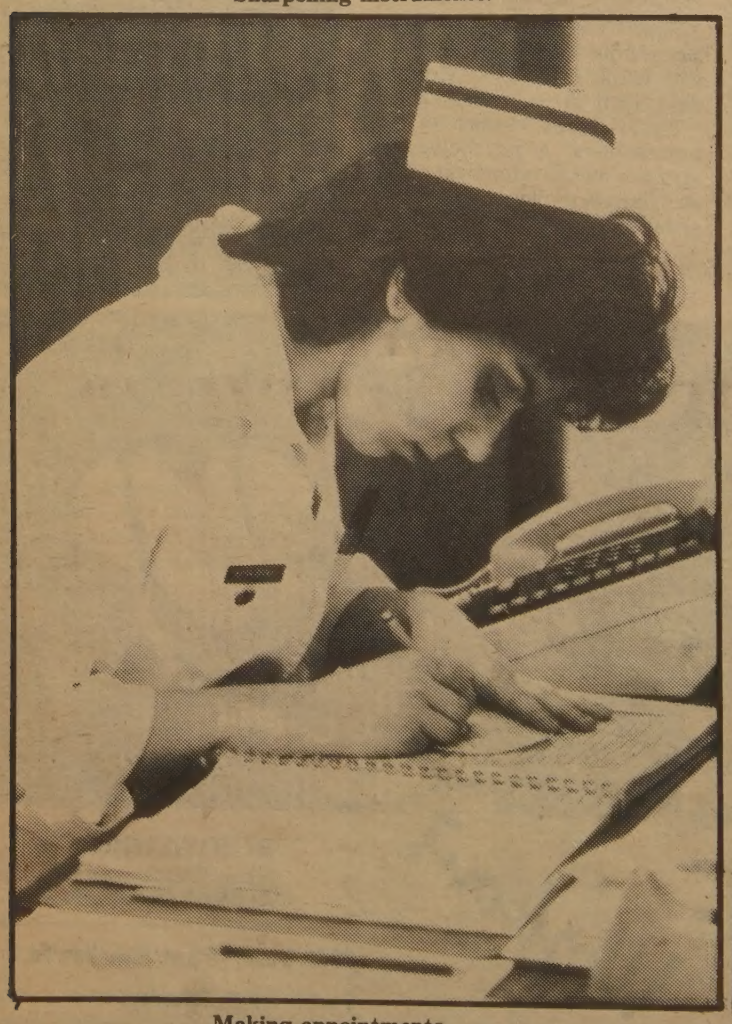

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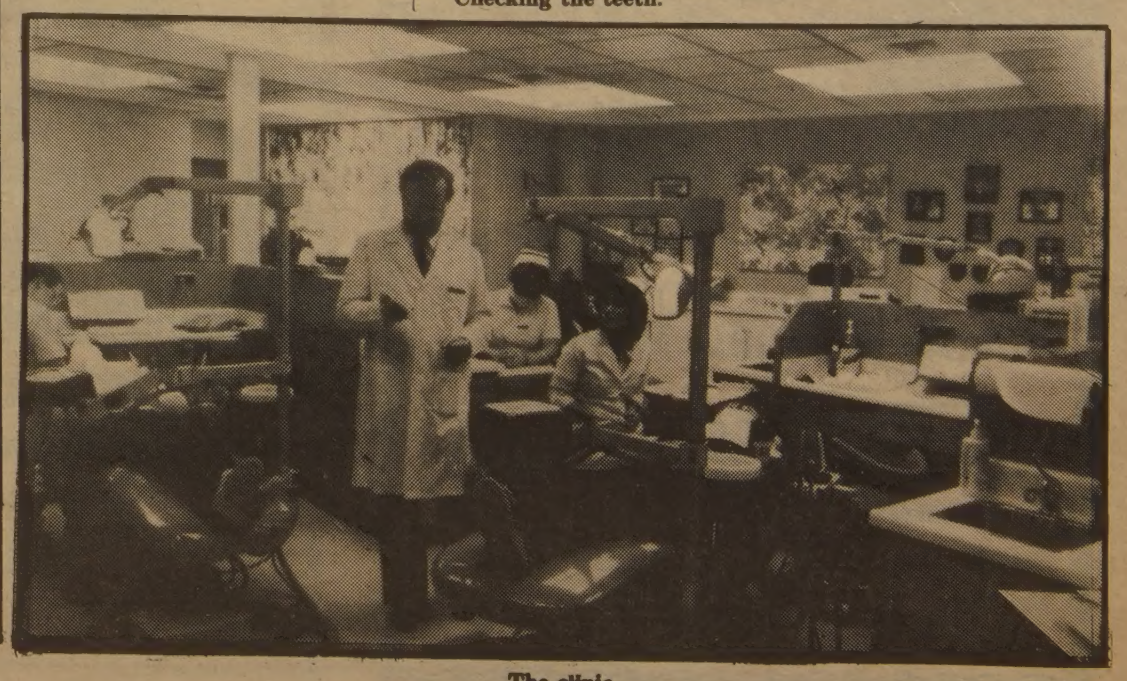

The clinic

ENTERTAINMENT

Sharon Braniff, fine arts option student, stands by her serigraph painting of a zebra. Sharon's art is one of many at the Fine Arts Option '84 exhibit in the Hennepin Art Gallery which opened April 7 and will finish April 28.

(Photo by Sue Greco)

Display student art at Hennepin

By SHIRLEY LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

The duckling's downy feathers are not quite dry as he looks out for the first time on a brand new world. Wonderment has been painted in soft pastels and framed under glass.

The artists have taken abstract ideas and given them a solid form.

Ideas of life and eternity are on display at the Hennepin Art Gallery. This explosion of creative energy is the work of students in the fine arts option at Niagara College.

A black and white landscape of an Algonquin Park lake churns with the elemental forces at work in nature. "I play games with people's eyes, leading them around the picture," Jason Potyok, 18, of Welland said.

"Human life is supported. If you look closely at nature, only the strong survive in a landscape."

The work was done, in reverse, on a scratch board covered with a brittle layer of black ink. This layer is scratched away with an exacto knife, a delicate operation that "puts you on the edge."

Jason's poster for peer tutoring is displayed around the campus.

Sharon Matson, 18, from Niagara Falls, said the silk screen process itself gave her advertisment for heavy equipment its bold, hard edge. But the eyes of a young girl, in a pencil sketch of a friend have the same riveting effect.

Sharon hopes to produce an oil painting from this sketch.

Using a photograph of John Lennon, Dave Makoutz, 19, who is from California, designed a silk-screen portrait of the musician-composer shot and killed in 1980.

Lennon's anti-violence views are well known, and the play of light and shadow in the photograph have been subtly defined to produce a powerful portrait of a sorrowing man.

Louis Alverez, 25, is from Niagara-on-the-Lake. He paints fantasies and symbols of life. He sees the universe as the blue-green color of a winter twilight sky. A galaxy has the shape, almost, of a question mark.

The depth in his picture of a sea castle makes it nearly three-dimensional. Painted in shades of blue, it has a yearning, wishful quality. It is a portrait of a day-dream.

Waves in the tall grass mark the tiger's steady, sure path. He is stalking his prey. He stops, frozen in time, for one wild, proud look. A portrait of freedom stands at the entrance of the exhibit.

"There is tremendous talent in the Niagara peninsula," Ken Cosgrove, fine arts instructor, said. Much of that talent is on display in the Hennepin Art Gallery.

Fine Arts Option '84 will be at the gallery until April 28. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ken Cosgrove

Discipline key to success in fine arts program

Graphic arts were computerized 25 years ago, long before other industries even considered the move, Ken Cosgrove, Niagara College fine arts instructor, said.

"Art is the biggest industry in the world. Bigger even than the field of atomic energy. There is no understanding of art and the part it plays in human life. People think it is just for dummies."

Airplanes, clothing, cars, magazines and newspapers; the graphic artist has had a hand in everything the public sees, touches, and wears. Fine arts are only a small part of the industry, Mr. Cosgrove said.

Fifteen students, "all I can handle," completed the fine arts program this year. Their work is on display at the Hennepin Art Gallery.

"These students will do well. Pound for pound, they will hold their own with anybody."

Artists need self-discipline, Mr Cosgrove said. His students often work until 11 p.m., seven days a week. "They will work to the end of term, and after."

Discipline, and "learning how to see and how to look," are the most important parts of the one-year program offering instruction in painting, drawing, free-hand lettering, illustration and silk screen technique.

Former Miss Legs wins legion crown

By KELLY CORKAN
Staff Writer

After being referred to as "sonny" for the first 13 years of her life, Miriam Mitchell decided that entering a beauty pageant would be a good way to prove she was anything but a tall, skinny tomboy.

Miriam entered the "Miss Legion, Branch 24" contest which took place at a Valentine's Day dance for legion members. With the sponsorship of her father, a militia major and member of the Church Street Legion, and the support of her mother, Miriam registered for the pageant and placed first, winning $200 which she spent on living expenses.

Miriam, 19, of St. Catharines, is a second-year accounting student at Niagara College. Upon completion of her program in April, Miriam hopes to get into currency exchange, perhaps starting out as a bank teller. At the moment she is working as a maid at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines.

As winner of the contest, Miriam is required to enter the Grape and Wine Festival contest in September. But she has no plans to enter future contests.

JUST HYPE

Miriam said her main interest in the show was merely to see if she could win. In fact Miriam feels that beauty pageants are a lot of "media hype" and she would never participate in any of the better known contests. Miriam feels that people must be realistic about life and being a beauty queen will not support you in the real world. She has "more importants thinks to do than walk around with a crown on my head."

Being coaxed by friends,

MIRIAM MITCHELL

Miriam entered and won the "Miss Legs" contest last year at Niagara College. Miriam said she really needed the money and, although she was embarrassed, she had a lot of fun in the contest.

Considering herself a shy individual, Miriam feels that involvement in these contests has given her much self-confidence. She is more at ease when meeting new people and finds that her involvement in the shows has been beneficial to her daily life.

Miriam has modelled for friends' portfolios and has participated in benefit fashion shows.

Working mum seminar

Super Woman, a seminar on sucessfully combining a career with family life, will be held Tuesday, April 24, at 12:10 in L-I.

Linda Saari, mother of two preschoolers, a psychology instructor and development officer at Niagara College, will be the speaker.

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Virginia Woolfe presented by Press

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

In a darkened room they lashed out at the things that made their lives a nightmare. A child they could not have, a marriage that had been reduced to cheap shots lashed out in revulsion, and the agony of a failed career.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, a Press Theatre production, opened last Friday at the Brock Centre for the Arts. The play was written by Edward Albee.

The play is set in the living room of a house on the campus of an old New England college. George, played by David Brown, is in his mid 40's and has seen advancement in the college pass him by. His wife Martha, played by Nonnie Griffin, is the dean's daughter and a malcontent.

The first act opens with George and Martha engaging in a battle of wits and immediately the tone of the play is set. A young married couple, Nick and Honey, played by James Warren and Jane Whiteley, are invited over for a night-cap and unknowingly serve as foils for George and Martha's incessant arguing.

As if relishing the opportunity to pour salt upon an open wound, George and Martha cut at each other with their razor sharp tongues. They weave a web of mystery around their son's birthday arrival and keep their guests in a state of total confusion.

George and Martha goad Nick and Honey into bringing out their deep seated fears and emotions. Their revelations flow like the liquor they consume, fuelling the anger within them.

The play asks the question who's afraid of living life without false illusions. Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?

A scene in the final act finds Martha sitting alone in the living room. She sits musing and says "George and I cry and we fill the ice trays with our tears then freeze them and put them in our drinks." This sums up the freezing of emotions that the characters so brilliantly portrayed in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.

WV Senate donates cash

The Welland Vale Senate trust fund has spent more than $12,000 this year on five projects by the student executive, Morris Bosey, staff adviser to the senate, said.

The projects include cash scholarships and awards for academic achievement, a special fund to help the Welland Canal Preservation Association, preparing and landscaping a park, and buying a photo-copier and vending machine.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wilde's farce sparkles

By SHIRLEY LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Oscar Wilde's classic farce, The Importance of Being Earnest, lovingly polished by director Anne Hardcastle and designer Pat Rocco, will provide an evening of sparkle and fun if dress rehearsal is any indication. The play is at the Theatre Centre on Empire Street until Saturday.

Gwendolen and Cecily have fallen in love with a name. John loves Gwendolen and Algernon loves Cecily.

Lady Augusta Bracknell, a staunch curmudgeon, will not approve either marriage. Both couples must look forward to years of "passionate celibacy."

Lady Bracknell's presence is felt even when she is not on stage. Patty Jarvis is superb, particularly while she is wearing an immense purple hat.

Gwendolen is Lady Bracknell's daughter, and Marjorie Goddard manages just the right echo of what the future holds for John.

Fernando Santos is at ease on stage and entirely believable as John Worthing, a young man who will allow nothing to stand in his way, not even the fearsome Lady Bracknell.

Fernando Santos as John Worthing kneels to make his proposal of marriage to Gwendolen Fairfax, played by Marjorie Goddard in the Theatre Centre's production of The Importance of Being Earnest. Patty Jarvis looks on as Lady Bracknell, his future mother-in-law.

Frank Purcile as Algernon and Odette Yazbeck as Cecily use their own youthful enthusiasm to good advantage.

Trudy Soucoup and Scott Spidell as Miss Prism and Canon Chasuble, and Malcolm Cowls and Archie MacKenzie as butlers each nudge the farcical element up one notch.

Ms. Rocco's costumes are slightly exaggerated, always interesting, and complete to the last detail. Her sets are uncluttered and effective.

Ms. Hardcastle's direction is a pleasure to watch. Stage moves are so precise they appear to have been choreographed. Each scene ends with a freeze-frame, emphasizing the unreality of farce.

In dress rehearsal at least, stage diction lacked the same precision.

The Importance of Being Earnest opened last Thursday. Curtain time is 8 p.m. for performances on April 18, 19 and 21.

Moving picture

RTV production 'Renews' faith

By TAMMY DOLLAR
Staff Writer

Niagara College second year radio and television (RTV) students are producing a 15-minute documentary film to be distributed across Canada when it is completed. The subject of the film is Renew, a program for Roman Catholic parishes which has been developed to help people experience the connection between their faith and daily life.

Faye Lake, a second-year RTV student and producer of the documentary film, said she was first approached by Rev. Richard Grecco, director of the program for the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines, in October, 1983, to start arrangements for the film.

Father Grecco said "a picture is worth a thousand words," and he feels this documentary film will prove to be very valuable in providing interested dioceses across Canada with information on the Renew program.

Peterbourgh, Windsor, and the Maritimes have already begun to enquire about the program.

The filming team is made up of eight RTV students involved in directing, working cameras, writing, sound recording, picture and sound editing, and producing.

All the equipment being used is rented, and costs for film and renting are financed by the Roman Catholic Diocese.

"Elias Petras, our program instructor, is like our guardian angel, always hovering over our shoulders making sure we have the camera lens in focus and that we are doing things right," Faye said.

Captures idea

"A film is first an idea, then it is captured in a picture on film; these pictures are put in order so that the first idea is understood by the person viewing it."

The students filmed the first segment of the film during a seminar Feb. 19 at the Centennial auditorium in Welland. The seminar was for people from parishes across the Niagara peninsula who were interested in becoming involved in the Renew program.

Faye said the students want to follow one small group through the whole program, cover large group social events, as well as go into Roman Catholic schools and film some prayer networks.

Faye said the first roll of film (about 400 feet) has been completed and looks good.

Roy Bonisteel, host of the CBC's Man Alive, has asked to review the film when it is completed, and has suggested that he might like to include part of it in a back-to-religion program, Faye said.

Although the students are not getting paid for the production of the film, Faye said "you feel great if you can pull it off. It's a team effort that teaches us to interact together to accomplish something."

Everyone involved in the film will be named on the credit list at the beginning of the film. Faye believes that this will be enough recognition, "just the satisfaction that we did it and that these people are giving us a chance by intrusting this project in our hands is enough."

Faye said she finds filming a continuous learning process, almost like a giant puzzle.

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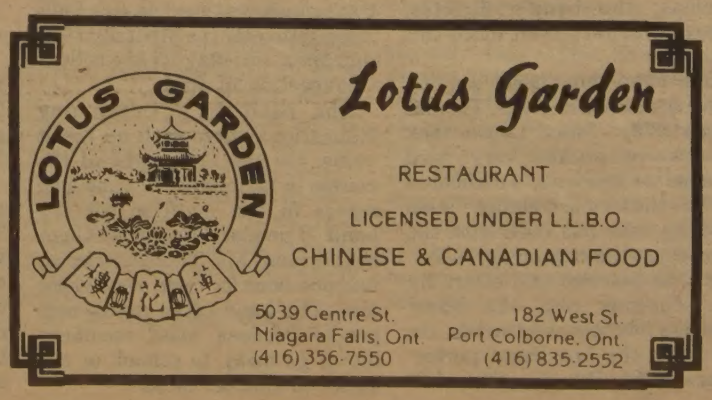

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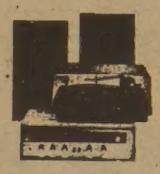

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Gary McDonnell, left, and Rose Dimarco, middle, receive freshman of the year awards from Bette Ferguson, director of student services, at the annual athletic banquet April 6.

(Photo by Deb Atkins)

Winning basketball team receives free athletic banquet tickets

It was the last chance to win free tickets to the Athletic Banquet.

With two games a day, every Tuesday and Thursday, for the last three weeks in March, teams eliminated each other in intramural basketball in the gymnasium until only Bassi's Bombers and Tar Heels were left.

The Bombers defeated Dukes of Hazard 35-34 on March 27 which advanced the Bombers into the championship.

The other team to advance that day was the Industrial Management class, the Tar Heels, by defeating the Sharpe's Shooters 42-18.

The championship on March 29 proved to be rewarding for the Tar Heels who skimmed past the Bombers by four points.

The score, tied 19 all at the end of the first half, was broken early in the second half by the Tar Heels who remained ahead to end the game with 41-37.

The Tar Heels leading scorer was Shane McDonogh, who scored 12 points in the second half of the game. The leading scorer and captain of Bassi's Bombers was Craig Montesso with 14 points.

"It was a close game all the way through," said coach Fred Bassi of the bombers. He thought his team played "a heck of a game."

The Tar Heels Players who gained the last free tickets to the Athletic Banquet are; Dan Stark "C", Rob Sheperd "A", Dan Duemo, Bill Carkus, Jim Tucker, Shane McDonogh, Dave Ferguson, Ken Quait, coach.

Other teams who participated in the intramurals were: Blue Devils and Bruisers — Well, there's always next year.

Niagara College band prepares second Twilight Jazz series

By SANDRA LOCKHART
Staff Writer

Fresh from one of their greatest successes — their performance in St. Catharines as part of the Niagara Jazz Series — the Niagara College Jazz Band is preparing for its second annual Twilight Jazz series.

This series of evening concerts in area parks attracted hundreds of fans last year and Laura Thomas, the band's director, hopes to attract even more this year.

The band has been playing under the direction of Ms. Thomas since 1979. "Since Laura took over we've worked very hard because we know she's dedicated and has the formal training." Alan Bowling, who has been with the band since the beginning said.

All the practice and effort by Ms. Thomas and the band members has been worthwhile. On March 31, the Jazz Band' performance at Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate in St. Catharines received a standing ovation.

"I'm very proud of them, they played great that night," Ms. Thomas said. "I will always remember that night. It was the biggest single event in the band's life and in preparing for it I haven't had time to think of much else."

The band, which has performed for various benefits in the past such as the CAT Scan Fund in St. Catharines, and the Niagara Falls Association for the Mentally Handicapped, will play for the college Convocation in June.

The band is a Continuing Education course with no credit value. On the first night of the course in September anyone who comes in can audition for the band. If no place is open for them in this band Ms. Thomas tries to find positions for them somewhere else. The band often needs new people because band members move, go away to school, or advance to another band.

The camoraderie is unexpected when one considers the diversity of its members. There are 18 members, 17 males and one female. The others in the band teasingly refer to her as their "token female."

"I really don't notice it," said Cathy Caneron, 17, of being the only girl in the band. I enjoy playing in it and I love it."

Ms. Thomas has been directing the band for five years; it is "kind of a habit, and good habits shouldn't be broken."

"I write, they play my stuff, not too many complaints too." Ms. Thomas likes big band and jazz and the Niagara College Jazz Band is a good meld of the two.

"We already play good music and we already play it well," Ms. Thomas said. Five years from now we would like to have "a good solid repertoire and a large enthusiastic following. In fact I'd like a 100 per cent increase in the band's following. I'm proud to be associated with the group."

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Awards night

Niagara sports dinner honors premier athletes

By DEBBIE ATKINS
and ROB YEDINAK
Staff Writers

Three people took highest athletic award this year. Tom Peat, Mark Nelson and Judy Helstab were named top athletes of the year.

Judy, named Female Athlete of the Year, has been a member of the women's basketball team for the past three years. She is from Fonthill. As well as playing, she assisted Russ Stevenson with his coaching duties. She was selected as tournament all-star two years in a row at the OCAA Provincial Championships. Judy said her last season was her best of the three. She said there was more spirit and that it will continue to grow among the players.

"The team is losing only three veterans, which leaves eight rookies to continue the standards," Judy said.

Badminton

The Male Athlete of the Year award was presented to Tom Peat of St. Catharines and Mark Nelson From Niagara Falls. The two men were the backbone of the college badminton team. As first-year students, they won the Ontario men's doubles in the college championships. This made them eligible to compete at the Canadian College Championships in Montreal where they finished fourth in Canada.

Their confidence is still strong. "We should have won the silver in the nationals," Tom said. He said they didn't train enough, but next year they will "train and train and train."

Mark, said the teams in the nationals were not harder than the college championships but they just did not play well that day. "This year was experimental and after training harder we should take the gold next year," he said.

Freshmen Athletes of the Year winners were Rose Dimarco and Gary McDonnell.

Rose of Welland is a first-year law and security student. She showed will and determination which helped the women's basketball team attain the league title this year althogh they were defeated in the finals. Rose gives credit for her play to good competition and to the team. "A lot of team attitude helped," Rose said.

Hockey

Gary, described by Coach Fred Bassi as an outstanding defencemen, clenched the title of Freshman of the Year. Gary, from St. Catharines, is a first-year computer-engineering student.

Gary, known to "give his all," was an on-ice leader, displaying his skills to the fullest during all games.

"I had an enjoyable season and I am already looking forward to next year," Gary said.

Gary has played hockey for 13 years. "Coaching is an important part of the game of hockey and I depend on the coaching — that's why I had a good year."

Gary said this year's captain, Dave O'Laughlin, and assistant captain, Jeff Read showed a "100 per cent game always and led by example, not by force."

The Most Valuable Player Awards included one to Dave O'Laughlin for hockey. It was presented by Coach Bassi. Dave is from Niagara Falls and has been awarded this title for two years in succession. He led Niagara again in scoring and was seventh in the International Collegiate Hockey League with 14 goals and 21 assists.

Dave's inspirational player on the teams this year was Chris Barry. Chris, who plays left wing on Dave's line, was complimented by Dave. "Chris added endurance every time he hit the ice and never ran out."

Men's basketball most valuable player this year was Don Campbell. Don has played for the team for three years. This year he averaged 17 points a game and hauled down an average of 13 rebounds per game over a 24-game schedule.

Don is enrolled in applied arts and said Phil Mosley was his inspirational player. "When Phil came in at half-time he boosted the team with both his humor and his playing."

Four awards were presented to athletes who have made a superior contribution to athletics at Niagara College. Athletes of Distinction awards were made to Don Campbell and Mark Ford from men's basketball and Jim Long and Dave O'Laughlin of the Niagara Knights Hockey team.

Intramurals

Intramural awards were presented to the winners of floor hockey, football, ice hockey, and volleyball. A special presentation to the two most dedicated intramural athletes of the year went to Rhea Hughes, a second-year fashion arts student from London, and Ray Fiddler, a second-year law and security student from Hamilton.

Special awards were presented to Russ Stevenson Coach of the Year. Mr. Stevenson is retiring after eight years of service to Niagara athletes. Mr. Stevenson spent his last year coaching the women's basketball team.

Another special presentation was awarded to Gord McPherson of the counselling department, who received a special thanks from the hockey Knights. Mr. McPherson is retiring after five years of coaching hockey.

Faculty team defeated in finals

By ROB YEDINAK
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year the Niagara College Faculty lost in the finals of the annual Thorold Oldtimers hockey tournament.

After winning a key game, 4-3 over Pelham, to decide one of the finalists, the Faculty went down to an undefeated Chippawa team 4-2 in the tournament final.

The Faculty managed a second place finish in the round robin tournament with a record of 2-2-0. The Chippawa Villagers finished with four straight wins and the championship. Finishing third and fourth were Pelham Christian O.T. who had one win in three games and St.Catharines Old Dogs, last year's champions, who went winless in three games.

The seventh annual tournament, sponsored by the Thorold Oldtimers Sports Association and Molsons, was held March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 in Thorold. It featured teams in the Niagara Region playing in eight different divisions, with the top two teams in each division playing for the title.

The final game between Niagara and Chippawa remained undecided until the third period. While the first two periods were played with Niagara continuously coming back, first from a 1-0 deficit then from 2-1, the third was won by a Chippawa team that seemed to have just a little more than Niagara.

After Niagara was unable to score on many excellent opportunities in the second, they were kept in the game by good defensive plays and spectacular goaltending by Jim Brooks. Chippawa managed to take a 3-2 lead and held on with a defensive shell. The game was put out of reach after Chippawa scored into an empty net as the clock wound down.

In the first game against the Villagers the Faculty held a 2-0 lead before losing 4-2. In perhaps the most important game of the tournament the Faculty took a 4-0 lead over Pelham and held off a late Christian comeback to win 4-3 and gain a berth to the finals.

Before losing in the final game of the John Skochyla Division, the Faculty defeated St.Catharines 4-3 with their other victory coming in the Pelham game. Both losses were against Chippawa, who seemed too strong for any team in this division.

Scoring for Niagara in the tournament were John Killip and Wayne Triano with three each, Dave Robinson with two and Rob Thorpe, Carl Yeager, Brian Green and Peter Rylander with one each. The goaltending, simply outstanding, was shared by Jim Brooks who finished with eight goals against and two losses and Barry Sharpe with six goals against and two wins.

National game returns to Niagara peninsula

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

It has been described as a cross between Irish hurling and chess, or as a prehistoric game of warfare, or as the fastest game on two feet.

The game is lacrosse, Canada's national sport.

The history of the game in the Niagara area goes back to the early days of Confederation. About 1870, a group of athletes started a field lacrosse club and created a legend in Canadian sports history.

Legend or no, the St. Catharines Athletics have fallen on hard times, but some area players have taken the first step to restoring the pride that was associated with the names of St. Catharines Athletics and Lacrosse.

On May 19 the St. Catharines Merchant Athletics play the first home game of the Ontario Major Lacrosse season. Coached by John Mouradian, a 1973 Niagara College graduate, the team will be the first senior team in the area since 1966.

Champs

After graduating from Niagara College, Mr. Mouradian attended Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., on a field lacrosse and hockey scholarship. During the summer of 1974 he was selected to the Canadian national team that competed for the World Field Lacrosse championship in Australia.

He was a member of the championship team that defeated the United States team in sudden-death overtime 16-15, in 1978. Other members of the national field team from this area are Mike French, who attended Cornell University and was chosen the most valuable player at the '78 world championships, and Jim Weller, son of Niagara College instructor James Weller, who is head coach at Amherst College and was the leading scorer in the '82 championships in Baltimore.

History

Lacrosse is in the doldrums right now and a team in the Niagara area will strengthen the game, Mr. Mouradian said.

The world championship is being held in Toronto in 1986 and some area players will be on the team."

The history and tradition of the game in the Niagara area are rich. The hall of fame is dotted with names from the area. An editorial in the Toronto Mail and Empire described the feats of Bill Fitzgerald, when he died in 1926 and called him a national figure, likening him to Ty Cobb, the premier sports figure at the time in the U.S.A.

"When we found out that we had been accepted on Jan. 21, we didn't know whether to cry or cheer," Jim Convery, St.Catharines Athletic manager, said.

"The Niagara area being without a team for so long — I'm not sure if it was a shame or a disgrace. Our fathers played the game. Some of our grandfathers played, and now our children are playing."

Although the 1966 team was the last senior team in the area, the Brantford Warriors transferred to Niagara-on-the-lake in 1975.

The task of raising money for the new team was handled by selling sweaters at $500 each, to area businesses.

"The St.Catharines Old Boys Lacrosse Club sponsored a sweater and some of the members told stories of the players who they had seen in their prime and it was like going back 100 years," Mr. Mouradian said.

Problems

Some problems facing the game from a fan's view are poor lighting, heat in the arena, and the often interrupted flow of the game caused by the ball bouncing over the side glass.

Problems facing the players are the separation from families due to road games and practices, and injuries to the body, especially the knees, ankles and elbows.

"It's a tradition, a challenge," Craig Lincoln, vice-president of the Athletics, said. "It's competitiveness, has speed, an element of danger, like being thrown to a den of lions."

On May 19, 1984, a tradition returns to the Niagara area.

Canada's national game welcomes back some old friends, the St.Catharines Athletics.

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Miroslaw Huryn's new program trains professional immigrants

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

Miroslaw Huryn, Polish-born teaching master at Niagara College, organized a program in 1980 with his brother to help train immigrants for the Canadian workforce.

About 1,000 engineers, technicians and technologists have taken the course since it began in 1980.

"I believe the program will be part of Canadian life," Mr. Hurny said. "It has to last because there is a need for it to last as long as immigration exists in Canada."

Mr. Huryn came to Canada in 1971 after living in Sweden, where he went from Poland, for one year. He taught civil engineering at CEGEP in Rimouski, Que. from 1975 to 1979 and the applied for a teaching job here at the college.

He said he remembers the problems he went through and the headaches he had.

Every year in Canada alone, about 100,000 immigrants arrive, many of them engineers, architects, technicians, and technologists who find it difficult to get jobs because they have little or no knowledge of the Canadian work system.

Mr. Huryn spent many hours and thousands of dollars of his own money designing the program and finding lecturers to cover all aspects of working in Canada as a technical professional or a technician.

MIROSLAW HURYN

Donations

The Association of Polish Engineers in Canada donated office space, and many of the 120 volunteer lecturers were drawn from the consulting engineering community to speak voluntarily.

The course covers everything from technical English, Canadian codes and standards, work customs and procedures to resume writing and ways of using time effectively during an economic slowdown.

Mr. Huryn was born in Olsztyn, Poland in 1947 and attended college in Szczecin. He is an intelligent man, speaking five languages which include: French, Polish, Spanish and Russian as well as English.

He was nominated by Stefan Szalwinski, president of the executive council for the Association of Polish Engineers in Canada, for the Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship on Feb. 22, 1983.

The medal recognizes personal sacrifice in the common good in all areas of society and the virtue that leads some citizens to act in a particularly generous, kind or self-sacrificing way in the common good without expectation of reward.

Mr. Huryn said if he did not believe the program had a great impact, he would not have spent so many hours working on it.

In 1981, the course was first taught on a three-month trial basis and 160 engineers were registered.

In 1982 and 1983, it was taught for nine months, every Saturday for eight hours.

In that session, there were 280 registered engineers who were basically from Poland.

The course will begin again early in April, for 40 weeks, six hours a week. About 100 engineers and 20 technologists will attend.

The ministry of education, George Brown College and the federal government were guven a 40 week program in 1983, suggesting it be adopted for use with all technically-trained immigrants.

Funding

In April, the government will fund the program for the first time. The funds will provide finances for lecturers, a computer and facilities.

The course was and is supported by faculty members at all levels at George Brown College, including J. M. Stirling, dean of architectural technology, and R. D. Waits, chairman of architectural technology.

Mr. Huryn said in 1982, his brother spent a week in Montreal to set grounds for the course to begin there with him as correspondent initiator. It was automatically recognized by the Quebec ministry of immigration and received recognition and financial support.

The program also opened in Ottawa in 1983; however, it was only taught once because there were few immigrants in the area and no one to bring the project to the attention of the government.

A similar course was set up in Vancouver by a friend of Mr. Huryn's and, again, Mr. Huryn was the correspondent initiator.

Mr. Huryn said the idea of the program inspired a course for training doctors, a half-year course available in Toronto in which 70 of the 100 who took it became doctors.

Doing such a project greatly affects one's life and his wife, Kathleen, gave him a lot of support, he said.

He would not be surprised if the United States and Australia started a similar program; however, he said if they decided to do so, it would take a couple of years because there must be someone there to realize the need for it.

Legal waivers a must

Don't ever have an accident in a hotel or restaurant. You might not receive a complimentary basket of fruit, flowers, or a free night in the hotel, unless you sign a legal waiver.

Teaching students to handle emergency situations is a difficult yet necessary task, hotel management instructor Paul King said in an interview at the Niagara Falls campus. Students are told to inform the injured individual he is responsible for payment of the ambulance or taxi. "By not doing so you are showing an admission of partial negligence, and that could be used against you in court."

Mr. King said most accidents are settled out of court or by a waiver, a written agreement between the injured and the establishment. "Procedure is not for hotels and restaurants alone, but for any business," he said.

Legal waivers must also be signed before complimentary gifts can be given to the injured, because this too can be incriminating.

When an accident occurs, you feel sorry and want to do anything for the individual, but you can't, unless he signs the waiver.

"Anything you do should not be used against you or prove you negligent if you were just showing human compassion, Mr. King said.

Court battles are often costly to both parties and can take up to several years to complete. Mr. King referred to a case in which a girl was badly burned by hot water when a mixing valve malfunctioned. That case is over 10 years old and still unresolved.

More English on spring list

Six English courses will be offered this spring in the continuing education program. It is a chance for students to get ahead in their courses so that they will have a lighter schedule next year, and a chance to make up a missed English credit.

Two English 100 courses will be offered on Tuesday at Welland campus and Wednesday at Welland Vale.

An English 200 course will be offered at Welland on Tuesday and at Welland Vale on Wednesday nights.

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